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<u>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

     Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

     Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the quality information relates to an object reproduction quality.
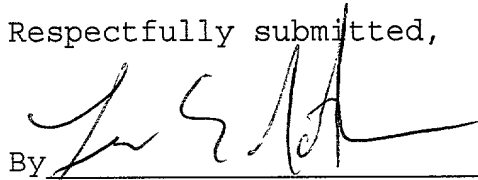

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein quality tags are added at given locations in the bit-stream, indicating a quality of the object when the bit-stream is truncated just after (or alternatively just before) the given location in the bit-stream.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to claims 3 and 5 were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the quality information relates to an object reproduction quality.

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in <u>claim 1</u> ~~any of the preceding claims~~, wherein quality tags are added at given locations in the bit-stream, indicating a quality of the object when the bit-stream is truncated just after (or alternatively just before) the given location in the bit-stream.